SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Madam, a war-like situation has been created ... *(Interruptions)*.. .*There* are two States... *(Interruptions)*. . .at war .. . *(Interruptions)* . . .He should tell the House what form it is going to take... *(Interruptions)* ...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I cannot permit him now . . . *(Interruptions)* ... He has to reply... *(Interruptions)* . ..

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: It is a national issue.... *(Interruptions)* ... All of us are entitled to speak on the issue... *(Interruptions)* ..

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down, Mr. Dipen Ghosh. I shall permit everybody. But not now.. . *(Interruptions)* ... I have a listed business. You should understand that ... *(Interruptions)* .. .Mr. Yashwant Sinha, you have been the leader of this House. You being a senior Member, you should understand. I will discuss the matter with the Leader of the House and let you know... *(Interruptions)* ..

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह मैडम, आपको यह अधिकार है कि सरकार को यह निर्देश दें ....(व्यवधान) आपको यह अधिकार है कि ....(व्यवधान) बिजनैस के रोक करके .... (व्यवधान) अगर आप विहार के शोषण को ....(व्यवधान) आप अपने अधिकार का प्रयोग नहीं करेंगी .... (व्यवधान) हम वाक आउट करेंगे, सदन का वहिष्कार करेंगे। .... (व्यवधान) मैं वाक आउट करता हूं। ....(व्यवधान)

SHRI M. VINCENT (Tamil Nadu) We stage a walk out . . . *(Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: We are walking out. We protest against the lack of seriousness of the Government on the issue . . . *(Interruptions)* .. .

(At this stage some hon. Members left the Chamber)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN; Now, it is up to them to walk in or walk out and it is their privilege . . . *(Interruptions)* . . . Order, please .. . *(Interruptions)* .. .Now. Mr. S. B. Chavan is to reply. . . *(Interruptions)*. . All of you, please sit down. Now, Mr. S. B. Chavan to reply .. . *(Interruptions)*... Now, the ' other matter is closed. Nothing of what the Members speak will go on record. Nothing except what Mr. Chavan speaks will go on record... *(Interruptions)*... * If you do not want to listen to him, do whatever you like. But nothing of what you people say will go on record... *(Interruptions)* ...Order, order... *(Interruptions)* ... Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta, please do not interrupt.. .*(Interruptions)* .. .The Minister is not going to speak on Bihar or any other thing. I have called him to reply to the discussion we had on the statement about Shanmugam's death and he is going to reply to that only. That is the listed business for today and after five o'clock, you ask what you want and I will let you know. Now. nothing will go on record except Mr. Chavam's reply . . . *(Interruptions)* .. . Please sit down, Mr. Sibtey Razi . . . *(Interruptions)* . . . Please sit down, Mr. Chimanbhai Mehta. Nothing of what Mr. Chimanbhai Mehta says will go on record . . . (*Interruptions)*. . .

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA (Gujarat): *

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. Mr. Mehta . . . *(Interruptions)* . . . Now. Mr. Chavan only . . . *(Interruptions)* . . .

CLARIFICAIONS ON THE STATEMENT REGARDING ESCAPE FROM THE CUSTODY AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF SHANMUGAM, ONE OF THE ACCUSED IN THE RAJIV GANDHI ASSASSINATION CASE *Contd.*

*Not recorded.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam Deputy Chairman, we had a wide-ranging discussion on the statement that I had made on the death of Shanmugam in judicial custody and all kinds of questions were asked which, in fact, do not have any relation with the statement that I have made. Whether they have any relation with the statement that I have made is a matter which the honourable Members may consider. Its this debate, in the shape of clarifications, a number of issues have been raised.

First of all, I would like to clarify the position with regard to what one of the honourable Members said. An honourable Member said that when I visited the State, the State Government was not taken into confidence and that my programme was not informed to them. I can say without any fear of contradiction that my programme was conveyed to the Tamil Nadu Government. I do not think that I can go to any State without informing the State Government concerned. But it is true that the news of Shanmugam's death came on the day when I was to leave for Tamil Nadu and that was why I was under the impression that the Tamil Nadu Government must be having its own helicopter and that I would be able to go by that helicopter to that place and see the Dak Bungalow and other places. But I was told later on by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Tamil Nadu that they did not have any helicopter. Then I had to contact the Defence Ministry and get the Defence Ministry's helicopter which had to come from Bangalore to Madras and from there we went to Vedaranyam. But the pilots of the helicopter refused to land there saying that they could not land when a VIP was with them. They said that they could not land there when a VTP was with them unless they made a trial landing and, without that, they could not possibly land there. That was why 1 could not land. Then T had to do the aerial survey and I was shown the Dak Bungalow, the place from where Shanmugam seemed to have run away. I could see the entire coastal area, and at least I have no doubt in my mind that the total area seems to have bases of the LTTE. We will have to consider this aspect separately in the Home Ministry as to what need to be done and also in regard to those who have made this entire area as LTTE base. And this is the point from where you can reach Sri Lanka within half an hour by a speed boat. It becomes all the more necessary that we will have to make some kind of arrangement. I will have to discuss with all my officers and take a decision as to what needs to be done.

Madam, an issue was raised about the clean chit that 1 have given to *ths* officers who were working in the SIT. Let me make my position absolutely clear that I reached the Madras airport at about 4 o'clock, and my flight was at 4.10. In spite of that, I had to devote about five minutes to see the newspaper correspondents. They asked me: How are the relations between Tamil Nadu police and the SIT? I said, "They are very good. They are coordinating with each other. There is perfect coordination and no problem". And when I said everything is going on right lines—I do not deny that I have not said so; in fact, I accept that position that I did say so—that was in the context of the assassination of **Shri** Rajivji Gandhi. It has nothing to do with the work of the SIT or the suicide committed by Shanmugam. The whole thing has been twisted as if I have given a clean chit to the STT that they are doing a perfect job. When I went there, I must say that I have had a full-fledged discussion with the Chairman of the **SIT.** Unfortunately, I did not have the time. It was not my intention at all. The previous night, I went to Madras. At 8.30 in the morning, I had to go because there was hardly any time. The Governor expressed his desire that he would like to talk to me. And that is why for five minutes, I was with him. And thereafter I left for that place from where Shanmugam seems to have ran away Madam, in fact. T have no doubt in my mind that right from the working of the Verma Commission, the place allotted to them, the facilities allotted and also the terms of reference, and all kinds of things have been discussed here. If

[Shri S. B. Chawan]

the hon. Members are interested, I have got the full information as to how much space has been allotted to them in the Vigyan Bhavan Annexe. 24 rooms have been placed at their disposal. There is a court room which, in fact, was supposed to be a small one. It is now being renovated in order to convert itself into a regular court room where he could possibly take the witnesses and examine them properly. He has done an excellent job. Very voluminous work has been done. All notices have been published in all the papers. Special instructions were also issued to see that all those who have any kind of information and if they want to give the evidence before the Verma Commission, they should know that they have to come and inform the Commission that they have information and they would like to give that to the Commission. It is said that we have not taken the matter seriously. I do not know, somehow some papers seem to have written this and some of the hon. Members seem to have taken a clue from the newspaper reports that this matter is being casually treated by the Government and that they have no serious thinking about the whole matter. I must say with full emphasis at my command that we had the greatest respect for our elader and we still have that respect. Nobody should have any doubt that we are trying to minimise the importance. That is why I beg upon the hon. Members to kindly . . . *(Interruptions).*

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Bihar): How? Continuously he is looking only at his Members.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM (Andhra Pradesh): They have doubts about it.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Because these Members have put all these questions which has created discomfmiwi 'or him.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I am sorry. In fact, I should address the Chair. 1 see your point. Madam, Some hon. Member has said that Mr. Shanmugam had expressed fear that he would be killed by the LITE. How far was he correct? According to the information supplied to me, it seems that he did have this kind of a fear from the LTTB * specially when he disclosed certain areas where these things were hidden. A large quantity of explosives was found there. Almost 121 boxes full of very highly ex- * plosive material were found there. High frequency transmitters and cans of petrol were also found there. These were the things because of which Mr. Shanmugam thought that he was going to be finished, he was going to be killed. This fact was realised and that is why special protection was also given to him in order to see that he is not killed. Some hon. Members have asked about the location of the place of hanging. Madam, that place is, in fact, slightly at a distance. I cannot exactly give you the distance from Vedaranyam bungalow to the place of hanging. But I have seen, the entire area is surrounded by a jungle and darkness. When he disappeared, not that nobody chased him, actually all the police officers chased him. There were five police officers in the room out of which only two did not have the (firearm. The DIG and one DSP who were in the adjoining room also had the firearm. But it is a matter on which I was myself not satisfied with the reply that I got from the officers, as to why they did not fire, not with a view to kill him but at least they could have injured him in such a manner that he is not able to run away from that place. No satisfactory explanation could come forth. That is why, as soon as I went there, I had to ask the Director, CBI to appoint an officer. He should go into the details and try to fix responsibility and thereafter whatever action is called for, will be taken. If any of the members have defaulted, we will have to reconstitute the SIT. If any of the officers have defaulted, necessary action will have to be taken against the officer concerned. But at the same time ... *(Interruptions).*

SHRl A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra) : Sir, many of us thought that the officers sitting in the adjoining room should have sat with Mr. Shanmugam during the dinner. Then why did this lapse take place? We don't understand.

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Was there anybody outside the bungalow when this man escaped? In that case it is not necessary that only somebody from inside should have chased him.

SHRI S. B CHAVAN: A point was raised whether there was toilet and wash-basin in that travellers' bungalow. Information given to me by the officers is, in fact, both the things were there but there was no water running. This is the explanation given. That is why I said that these are matters which have to be gone into in order to satisfy ourselves. This is the information I am giving you. On the question as to why the additional Director was sent there, the reply I got from the officers I have to inform the House, created some kind of a doubt in my mind that this is not the full truth. Actually, you have to go deeper into the details to find out as to what is being stated is correct or not. But at the same time...

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: It looks a cock and bull story which is not reasonable or logical.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Don't interrupt please. Let him finish.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: In fact, you need not tell me. I have told you very frankly as to what my view is. Normally, on the floor of the House, it is not the practice for the Government to say so. But at the same time, it is such an important matter and when the life of our revered leader is involved, I cannot possibly say anything which is not convincing to me and that is why I had to say this. But this does not necessarily mean that the SIT has not done a satisfactory job. In fact, I can definitely say that the **SIT** Chairman and other members are very dedicated people and they have done an excellent job. Somehow, in this respect they have created a kind of suspicion in the minds of the people and that is why everybody is saying these things. But please, for God's sake, don't demoralise all those people who are in charge of investigation, a very important investigation of a case. Don't denigrate them; don't unnecessarily create doubts about them. This is a lapse on their part; I have no doubt about it. At the same time, I am not a competent authority. Ultimately, it is the Additional Director who will go over there and find out exactly who is responsible and if somebody is found to be responsible for it, action will be taken. I can assure the House that nobody is going to be spared if he is found to be involved in this matter. Therefore, kindly don't infer anything which will unnecessarily have some kind of a demoralising esffect on the machinery which is engaged in this important matter.

I have got the post-mortem report which, according to me, is a very important thing. Till last evening it was not available. Only this morning with great difficulty I could get it. I believe I have given you the report of the Forensic Science Laboratory, and now this is the report which the doctors have given. This is signed by Dr. Rajendran, Dr. Subbaiah, and Dr. D. R. Rajendran. "As per the reference first cited in the viscsra examined, no poison was detected and as per the second reference cited, the ligature mark tissue is anti-mortem and there is no anti-mortem fracture of hyoid bone. Hence, the individual would appear to have died of asphyxiation due to suicidal hanging about 12 to 18 hours prior to the post-mortem." This is the report which they have given...

SHRl G. SWAMINATHAN: I have got a picture here. I think the hon. Minister has seen it. You can see. I will hand it I over to Chairman.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: You may hand over.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI (AndMI Pradesh): Is there any hyoid bone fine ture?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN . I have clearly mentioned what the report says. Unless I have some other evidence before me, I cannot possibly not rely on the report and I have to go by what the post-mortem report says.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Is there any hyoid bone fracture?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I cannot believe any other story.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Home Minister, there is a doctor in our House and he is asking a question from the report.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra): Madam, we have a team of doctors.

SHIR S. B. CHAVAN: I would request the hon. Members to put the questions after I have finished replying.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please do that. It is better.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: How many people were present in the inspection bungalow with Shanmugam was another question. One DIG, one SP, one DSP and three inspectors, apart from the supporting staff, were present in the inspection bungalow.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: How many constables were there?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let Mm finish.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: Only two constables were there and they were unarmed. One hon. Member asked, why the case was registered under Section 224 ? This was filed before he died. He ran away from that place at 9.45 p.m. The case was registered at 10.45 *p.m.* So, this was before he died. A case is filed under Section 221 IPC only if a public servant intentionally allows the culprit to escape or intentionally aids in his escape. Investigations, so far, have revealed no such intention on the part of the SIT officials. Why this matter had not been given to the Commission for enquiry ? I must say that the Verma Commission is most reluctant to go even into the conspiracy part. This is the investigation part and I am convinced that they will never accept this kind of an enquiry.

Had Shanmugam any relation with any political party ? We don't have any information on that. A large number of people were involved in that. But I will not be in a position to say whether they belong to any political party. Another point which was raised was, why did Shri Sitaraman meet Shanmugam ? Shri Sitaraman is the uncle of Shanmugam and in order to elicit more information, in his presence, a number of questions were put and information was got from him.

A question was asked whether Thanjavur coast is full of LTTE elements. Investigations have revealed that they have established their bases on the Tamil Nadu coast.

Why Shri Gopalasamy, MP, had not been arrested was another question. I don't think it will be possible for me to give any information because we don't have any confirmed information on this. I can. say that he had been to Colombo one or two times. There is no doubt about it. But unless I get confirmed reports, it will be difficult for me to make any definite statement on the floor of the House as to whether he is involved or not.

How did he get the rope and blue lungi ? It is a matter of investigation. I won't be able to say anything at this stage. He was having a white lungi and a white banian which got entangled in a thorny bush and that is why he had to leave the dhoti there. But who provided him with a rope and lungi is a matter of investigation. I won't be able to say aanything at this stage.

Was there any time lag in filing the FIR ? In fact, there was no time lag. The first FIR was filed one hour after the incident. Why the Magisterial Enquiry under Section 176, Criminal Procedure Code, had been ordered on the one hand and the Additional Director had also been ordered to hold an enquiry on the

other, was also one of the points raised by one of the Members. Madam, the enquiry under section 176 of the Criminal Procedure Code is mandatory under the law to ascertain the cause of death. Simultaneously, an FIR under section 174 of the Criminal Procedure Code was registered on receiving information about the incident. The Additional Director is enquiring into the circumstances of the escape and death of Shanmugam to fix responsibility. Therefore, there is no contradiction in both these enquiries simultaneously going on in order to fix responsibility.

The Commission is being assisted by organisations which are assisting the SIT. The organisations are : the Central Forensic Sciences Laboratory (CFSL), the National Crime Records Bureau. The Bomb Unit of the Nationai Security Guards, the Tamil Nadu State Forensic Sciences Department and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology. These are the different scientific organisations which, in fact, are helping the SIT.

In regard to the progress made so far by the SIT, it has so far arrested 14 persons, some of them directly involved in the assassination. It has also established the identity of most of the main accused persons and collected substantial evidence. The recoveries made so far include the diaries of Sivarasan, his false eye, several rounds of ammunition and wireless sets. The arrested include as many as 8 Sri Lankans.

Now, in order to ensure closer supervision of the case, the Additional Director of CBI has been directed to camp in Madras so that such unfortunate incidents do not recur again.

Another question which has been asked is: 'What action does the Government propose to take against the officials of the SIT ?' As I said in the beginning, as soon as the report is ready, we will definitely take action against those who are considered responsible for any kind of lapse on their part.

These were the points which were raised. But there are two more points which I should mention.

One is about the security to be provided to Mrs. Sonia Gandhi and her children, Rahul and Priyanka. In fact, I have made a statement on the floor of the House in which I have said that security almost on the lines of SPG, by amending the Act, would be provided. It will not be less than SPG. SPG will be provided.

SHRl VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): Not almost. Exact.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Why not more?

SHRI MADAN BHATIA (Nominated): Madam, I want to make one suggestion to the hon. Minister. There is a statute constituting the SPG, which says that protection by SPG would be provided to the Prime Minister. All that is required is a very short amendment to this effect that if a Prime Minister or a former Prime Minister is assassinated, protection by SPG would be immediately provided to the family members of the assassinated Prime Minister or former Prime Minister.

This will be a very short amendment.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : The statement made by the Prime Minister was very clear. We propose to amend the SPG Act to provide the same security. There is not going to be any ambiguity about it. On what lines it should be amended is a matter which we will discuss with the Law Ministry. We will take into consideration what Mr. Bhatia has just now suggested. We will consider your suggestion also.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Is it possible to give equal or more security without amending the Act?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: I think the people who are there, they have been given to Mrs. Sonia Gandhi, but we have to take a legal cover. In order to do that we will have to amend the Act and see that the whole thing is properly regularised. In fact, there is nothing to doubt. . .

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीया उपसभापति जी, राज्य सभा के इसी सत्र में जो 7 अगस्त तक है क्या यह एक्ट गृह मंत्री जी लाकर पास करा लेंगे ?

श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण : उम्मीद तो करते हैं हो जायेगा।

There is only one point left and that is about enlarging the terms of reference of this Commission. I have said yesterday and again I am repeating here, we stand committed to the position that we have taken earlier, there is not going to be any difference so far as that aspect is concerned. Now, it is only a question of taking the Supreme Court into confidence. Jusitce Verma is not prepared. I cannot possibly disclose any of the correspondence that we had with the Supreme Court but they made an exception by saying that they would only accept two parts of the enquiry which was earlier given to them. And the amendment which was suggested to us, he is not prepared to accept. That is the position. We are trying our level best to find out whether any other Judge can be appointed by the Supreme Court after having full discussion with the Chief Justice of India and if, for any reason, we do not succeed, then some other method will have to be thought of. But we are very much interested to. find out, who are the conspirators behind the whole thing? It is not so much in the case of Indira Gandhi that the same thing happened. The immediate killers were given punishment, but at the same time we could not trace out as to who were the people behind the whole matter. In the case of Rajivji also, though LTTE seems to be connected, whether there are any other international forces behind tins conspiracy is the man thing which we will have to enquire into. How far we are going to succeed is to be seen. At least I feel confident that some of the agencies are known, but we should get some kind of a clue, some evidence that these are the agencies which are connected. This doubt is created in my mind because of the fact that this assassination took place when unfortunately or fortunately Rajiv)! declared that Congress is going to come In power and he is going to be the Prime ~~Minister~~, Thereafter this assassnatton has taken place. The leadership of the third world happens to be, whether we **like** it or not, with India and when we meant India, it was Rajiv Gandhi and none else. Therefore, it is irritant to some of the countries who are now left almost unchallenged as a super power.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Why don't you name them? Name that country. *(Interruptions)*.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him (finish. *(Interruptions)*. No, I am **not** allowing.

SHRl GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): *

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, I am not allowing. Let him finish.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN: IMF seems to have influenced so much that in everything you see IMF loan, as if that is the only thing about which super powers are. thinking. There are a large number of other things which super powers **are** thinking. The newly independent countries are trying to assert themselves. In fact, Rajivji was the only person who had been encouraging this idea of creating Africa Fund. The day before yesterday hon.. Finance Minister was pleased to state that whatever amount we donate for the Africa Fund will be hundred per cent exempt from Income Tax Act. 1.00 p.m. That is why this clearly showshow deeply we are involved.in the third world and their unity. Now, a point which we have to consider is, if he was going to emerge as the leader of the third world, whether he should be allowed to remain or he was to be finished so that India would not have any leader of his stature who can possibly take up the issue and fight with the Super Powers. So, this is my suspicion that I am giving expression *to.* I don't have any evidence at my disposal but this is the kind of suspicion that I have, and it becomes all the more necessary that we have to go deep into the matter and try to find out who are the conspirators against whom we can say that these are the conspirators who are at the root of the anasmnatio* of Rai[l-T] Gandhi.

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If it is declined by the Supreme Court, certainly we will try our level best to see that some other sitting Judge accepts this position, and if no sitting Judge is prepared to take up this matter, then we will have to consider whether for only this term of reference we can appoint any other Judge and leave the two terms of reference to the sitting Judge of the Supreme Court.

I think, Madam, these were the main points which were raised. I have tried to explain and clarify the stand of the Government to the extent that is possible.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Dr. Sivaji wanted to make some points. He is a doctor and the doctor wanted to know something.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Madam, the Minister in the course of his reply has mentioned that Dr. Rajendran and Dr. Subbaiah conducted the post mortem and in their post mortem report it is mentioned that Shanmugam died of asphyxia. Asphyxia can be both in homicide and suicide. The decisive factor in the post mortem report, to decide whether it is suicide or homicide, is the fracture of the hyoid bone, but nothing is mentioned about the fracture of the hyoid bone in the post mortem report, as per the Minister's reply. The point that I would like to raise is that in such a sensational case, generally, the post mortem is undertaken wherever there is a teaching hospital and wherever there is an expert of medical jurisprudence. It is obvious that both Dr. Rajendran and Dr. Subbaiah are not qualified medical jurisprudence experts. They are only general M.B., B.S. doctors. In that case, why was the body not shifted either to Thanjavar or, at least. Madras to undertake the post mortem in a mortuary in a teaching hospital or a general hospital? The second point I would like to ask is, what is the attitude of the Government towards the LT IE?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, you confine only. I did not allow you to make a speech.

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: I am more than a medical man—I am a Member of Parliament—and I can also speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Only as a doctor, as an expert, on a very limited point. I have allowed you. The matter is over and the House has to be adjourned for lunch. ..*(Interruptions)...*

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Madam, to add to what Dr. Sivaji has said. .. *(Interruptions)...*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute, please. We had about 43 Members who spoke on it and, as a doctor, he asked for a report. That's all.

The House is adjourned till 2.30 p.m. for lunch.

The House then adjourned for lunch at four minutes past **one** of the clock.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-three minutes past two of the clock, The Vice-Chiarman (Dr. Nagen clock. The Vice-Chairman (Dr. Nagen Saikia) in flic Chair.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH (Maharashtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, a Supplementary List of Business has been circulated just now. I would like to seek a clarification whether this Supplementary List of Business has been cleared by the Business Advisory Committee or it is something which has been just brought in at the last minute.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): Actually it is the Railway Appropriation Bill which has to be returned. Therefore, this has been included in the List of Business.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: No, Sir. My question is only this. Has time been allocated by the Business Advisory Committee for discussion of this Bill or not?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. IACOB): Yes, yesterday it was cleared.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): Yes, one hour's time was allotted foi' this.

SHRl M. M. JACOB: That was the decision of the Business Advisory Corn-mittee yesterday including late sititng.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: For this Bill?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: Railways.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH; No, Sir. That is the Railway Budget. My question is about the Appropriation (Railways) Bill.

PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHAR-JEE (West Bengal): Has it been allotted time?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): The BAC has allotted one hour for the Bill.

SHRI VISHVJIT P. SINGH: Sir, we may sit one hour extra to discuss this Bill.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (DR. NAGEN SAIKIA): Now we shall take up the Rehabilitation and Financial Assistance to Victims of Terrorism Bill, 1990. Shri Ramdas Agarwal to move for leave to introduce it. He is not here.

THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE PRICE FTXATION BOARD BILL, 1991.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार): उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि कृषकों के लाभ के लिए देश में समस्त कृषि उपजों के न्यूनतम वार्षिक समर्थन मूल्यों के निर्धारण हेतु एक स्वायत्तशासी बोर्ड की स्थापना और तत्संबंधी मामलों का उपबंध करने वाले विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाये।

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करता हूं।

THE OLD PERSONS (PROTECTION AND WELFARE) BILL, 1991.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि राज्य द्वारा वृद्ध व्यक्ति गृह स्थापित करके, उपेक्षित और अक्षम वृद्ध व्यक्तियों को आश्रय प्रदान करके, जरूरत-मंद वृद्ध व्यक्तियों को वित्तीय सहायता दे कर वृद्ध व्यक्तियों के संरक्षण और कल्याण तथा उनके पुनर्वास और तत्संबंधी विषयों का उपबंध करने वाले विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाये।

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया : मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करता हूं।

THE SPECIAL PROTECTION GROUP

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि विशेष संरक्षा ग्रुप अधिनियम, 1988 का संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाये।

(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1991.

The question was put and the **motion**

सरेन्द्रजी : सिंह आहलूवालिया : मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करता हूं।

THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1991.

(*Substitution of new article for article* 121)

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, मैं प्रस्ताव करता हूं कि भारत के संविधान का और संशोधन करने वाले विधेयक को पुर:-स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी जाये।

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : मैं विधेयक को पुर:स्थापित करता हूं।

was adopted.